GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to get assistance from foreign countries including Canada in the field of sports medicine and establishing infrastructure for winter sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which such assistance/co-operation is likely to be beneficial for promoting sports in the country including backward and rural areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (c):There is no specific proposal from any foreign country including Canada for Assistance in the field of Sports Medicine & establishing infrastructure for Winter Sports. There have been some preliminary discussions with Canada regarding collaboration in the field of sports medicine, but this has not yet been converted into a formal or specific proposal for cooperation. However the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has signed memorandum of understanding with a Number of Countries such as Argentina, Brazil, Belarus, China, Kuba, Turkey, Mauritius and New Zealand on co-operation in the field of Sports, which provide for exchange of experts and information in various filed such as Sports science, Sports Education, Sports Management, Sports infrastructure Development, Physical Education and Fitness Development Programs. Knowledge and expertise emanating from exchange visits are kept in view by the Govt. while framing and reviewing its policies and schemes for promotion and development of Sports in the country in rural and backward areas.